

## CHARGES

Under The Private Water Supplies Regulations 2016 (as amended) the Local Authority is required to charge the relevant person(s).

- ◆ At present the visit and sampling charge is £67 plus analysis costs
- ◆ An hourly rate will be charged for risk assessments, investigations and authorisations. For more information on charges please contact the Environmental Health Service.

Good quality water is important to everyday life. The Council has a duty to ensure that private water is fit for drinking. The Regulations require the Local Authority to sample and analyse such water and can require action to be taken to ensure that the water is safe to drink.



**For further information relating to these issues please contact:**



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# Private Water Supplies Information Leaflet



# THE REGULATIONS

Under the auspices of The Private Water Supplies Regulations 2016 (as amended) all users of new or reinstated supplies **must** register their supplies with the Local Authority.

- ◆ A private water supply is any supply of drinking water not provided by a licensed water company eg. Severn Trent.
- ◆ A private water supply could serve just one property or it could be a larger supply serving several properties.
- ◆ The water may come from a spring, well, borehole, pond, river, canal, or collection of rain water.

## CLASSIFICATION OF SUPPLIES

- ◆ **Commercial & Large Supplies (over 50 people):** A risk assessment must be completed once every 5 years and sampling undertaken by the Council at least once per year, depending on volumes of water used.



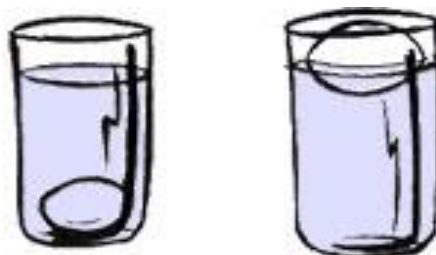
- ◆ **Small Supplies (less than 50 people; more than one property):** A risk assessment must be completed once every 5 years, including appropriate sampling. This could become more frequent depending on the risk assessment.



- ◆ **Single Property Supplies (one property only with no commercial element):** Sampling and risk assessment is only undertaken at the request of the owner/occupier of the property.
- ◆ **Private Distribution Systems:** This is where a property uses mains water but doesn't pay the water company directly for the water used and pays a third party who is the water company customer. A risk assessment is required once every 5 years as well as appropriate sampling to ensure the quality of the water. If you are unsure if this classification applies to your supply, please contact us for advice.

## WHAT IS A RISK ASSESSMENT?

A risk assessment is a survey of the source of the supply and surrounding area to see if any contamination is possible. It also involves looking at any storage tanks, treatment systems and pipework. This will identify any actual and potential hazards that may affect the health of those drinking the water. The Council can require action to be taken to ensure that the supply is safe to drink.



## WHERE ARE THE SAMPLES

### TAKEN FROM?

The sample will normally be taken from a tap used to supply water for drinking or cooking.



The sampling regime will partly be determined by the risk assessment, as will the type of samples taken. The results of sampling will help determine if any improvements to the supply/system are required.

## WHAT SORT OF IMPROVEMENTS

### MIGHT BE NEEDED?



- ◆ Fencing off the source to ensure animals cannot enter and contaminate area
- ◆ Improving drainage around the supply
- ◆ Replacement of pipework
- ◆ Improvements to holding tanks

The installation of filters to remove or lower the level of a particular substance may also be required eg.

- ◆ Ultra Violet (UV) filters to remove bacteria
- ◆ Reverse Osmosis filters to remove contaminants
- ◆ Ion Exchange filters to remove metal parameters